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FEE INCREASE FOR MARKET INSPECTION SERVICES

Fees for Market
Inspection
Service Increase
March 1, 2008

Effective March 1, 2008, fees for most market inspection services will increase by approximately 15 percent for all Federal and Federal-State market offices. Please review the revised fee schedule to become familiar with the new rates. All market offices should use the revised rates when charging for services provided on and after March 1, 2008.

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**Schedule of User Fee Adjustment
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Fee Increase- Effective March 1, 2008

Service	Current Fee	Fee as of 3/01/08
Quality and condition inspections of products each in quantities of 51 or more packages and unloaded from the same land or air conveyance:		
• Over a half carlot equivalent of each product	\$131.00	\$151.00
• Half carlot equivalent or less of each product	\$109.00	\$125.00
• For each additional lot of the same product	\$60.00	\$69.00
Condition only inspections of products each in quantities of 51 or more packages and unloaded from the same land or air conveyance:		
• Over a half carlot equivalent of each product	\$109.00	\$125.00
• Half carlot equivalent or less of each product	\$100.00	\$115.00
• For each additional lot of the same product	\$60.00	\$69.00
Quality and condition and condition only inspections of products each in quantities of 50 or less packages unloaded from the same land or air conveyance:		
• For each product	\$60.00	\$69.00
• For each additional lot of any of the same product	\$60.00	\$69.00
Rail car lots and/or lots not unloaded from a single conveyance in excess of carlot equivalents will be charged proportionally by the quarter carlot.		
Dock side inspections of an individual product unloaded directly from the same ship:		
• For each package weighing less than 30 pounds	3.3 cents	3.8 cents
• For each package weighing 30 or more pounds	5.1 cents	5.9 cents
• Minimum charge per individual product	\$131.00	\$151.00
• Minimum charge for each additional lot of the same product	\$60.00	\$69.00
Hourly rate for inspections performed for other purposes during the grader's regularly scheduled work week - Hourly rate for non-carlot equivalent inspections such as count, size, temperature, container, etc. or work associated with inspections such as digital image services will be charged at a rate that reflects the cost of providing the service	\$64.00	\$74.00
Overtime rate (per hour additional) for all inspections performed outside the grader's regularly scheduled work week	\$33.00	\$38.00
Holiday hourly rate	\$66.00	\$74.00
Hourly rate for inspections performed under 40 hour contracts during the grader's regularly scheduled work week	\$64.00	\$74.00
Rate for billable mileage	\$1.15	\$1.32
Hourly rate for Audit services	\$75.00	\$75.00

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